



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation was scarce across Colorado last week. Most areas received some measurable amount of rain but were below average for the week. The Northeast part of the state reported isolated hail storms which damaged the wheat, alfalfa, and sugarbeet crops. Reported temperatures were above normal for the week. These conditions allowed producers 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	15	78	5
Last Week	1	11	77	11
Last Year	34	42	24	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	20	73	4
Last Week	3	20	71	6
Last Year	31	50	19	0

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was at 98 percent jointed and 40 percent headed last week. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 91 percent emerged by week's end which is well ahead of last year and the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was 96 percent seeded last week with 75 percent of the crop at or beyond the emerged stage. Spring wheat was rated in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** Sorghum was 23 percent planted and sunflowers were 18 percent planted by week's end. Dry onions were rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 77 percent planted and 31 percent emerged with the crop rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Fall potatoes were 75 percent planted and 1 percent emerged. Corn was at 83 percent planted with 36 percent emerged. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were at 48 percent up to stand by the end of the week and rated in mostly good condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 20, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>					
This Week	3	5	17	51	24
Last Year	20	28	34	16	2
<b>Spring Barley</b>					
This Week	2	6	26	39	27
Last Year	0	5	30	53	12
<b>Spring Wheat</b>					
This Week	2	7	23	39	29
Last Year	0	3	46	37	14

**Hay:** First cutting alfalfa was 13 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated in mostly good to fair condition last week. Producers are still feeding livestock, but pastures should be ready for grazing soon.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep continued to be rated at average for the week. Livestock condition is rated in mostly good to excellent. Stored feed supplies are rated below average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 20, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	1	3	30	52	14
Prev. Year	30	28	35	7	0
5-Year Avg.	18	27	35	18	2

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 20, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	98	93	96	93
Headed	40	22	48	46
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Emerged	91	77	75	79
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	96	82	91	92
Emerged	75	51	48	61
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	83	63	78	80
Emerged	36	16	37	36
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	23	15	22	21
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	18	8	11	5
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	13	8	5	8
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Up to Stand	48	30	32	53
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	77	62	65	75
Emerged	31	10	20	35
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Planted	75	55	79	76
Emerged	1	0	0	5

## COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>	2	6	26	39	27
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	2	7	23	39	29
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	3	5	17	51	24
<b>Corn</b>	0	0	1	81	18
<b>Alfalfa</b>	4	6	22	45	23
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	0	10	45	45
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	4	8	24	51	13
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	25	46	28

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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